

**HB 364-FN - AS INTRODUCED**

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HOUSE BILL            ***364-FN***

AN ACT                relative to transportation for students attending career and technical education centers.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Ladd, Graf. 5; Rep. Cordelli, Carr. 7; Rep. Cornell, Hills. 22; Rep. Myler, Merr. 9; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Lang, Dist 2

COMMITTEE:          Education

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ANALYSIS

This bill requires the reimbursement of transportation costs for career and technical education students according to a formula adopted in rules of the state board of education.

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Explanation:          Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1           1 Career and Technical Education; Transportation Costs. RSA 188-E:8 is repealed and  
2 reenacted to read as follows:

3           188-E:8 Transportation. The department of education is authorized to reimburse from its  
4 regular budget the full cost of transportation in an amount based upon a formula using type of  
5 vehicle, mileage, and number of trips made for (a) regional career and technical education students  
6 who attend regional career and technical centers; and for (b) at-risk students who attend alternative  
7 education programs located at a regional career and technical education center or other  
8 comprehensive high school. The transportation reimbursement formula shall be established in rules  
9 adopted by the state board of education pursuant to RSA 541-A. The CTE transportation  
10 reimbursement formula shall not be dependent upon the number of students riding on a particular  
11 bus or other type of vehicle. The sending district shall be responsible for providing transportation  
12 and paying the transportation costs and shall then be reimbursed from state funds.

13           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

**HB 364-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**     State             County             Local             None

LOCAL:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	Indeterminable

**METHODOLOGY:**

Under current law, RSA 188-E:8, bases the costs for transportation to regional high school Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs from sending districts using a rate set by the New Hampshire State Board of Education (SBE) at .10 cents per pupil per mile for a bus, and at .25 cents per pupil per mile for self-transportation when a bus is not available. This bill, effective in FY 2026, would base the cost on the actual cost of transporting students from sending districts to CTE at regional CTE centers, based on a formula set by the SBE. Ultimately, total state expenditures for this aid program are based on budgeted amounts, therefore this bill has no direct fiscal impact on state expenditures, however allocations between school districts may change as the formula changes. It should be noted that tuition and transportation funding is tied to a maintenance of effort (MOE) requirement of Federal Perkins funding, set at \$9 million dollars, and state funds to cover transportation costs exceeding \$9 million dollars would need to be maintained in subsequent budget years to meet the maintenance of effort requirement.

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